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Three dead, many missing in central Europe floods



VIENNA (AFP) - Three people have died and at least eight more were missing on Sunday as torrential rains lashed central Europe, triggering floods and landslides, disrupting transport and forcing hundreds to evacuate.

Austria, Germany and the Czech Republic sent in army units to help with rescue efforts after rains reached record levels in some areas, while hundreds of roads have been closed and rail services cut.

The banks of the mighty Danube river burst in one area in Germany while dozens of towns have been put on flood alert across a large swathe of central Europe.

But despite the heavy rains, around 10,000 Bayern Munich fans joined in celebrations for their team's historic treble win in the European, league and cup titles.

In the Czech Republic, the

government declared a state of emergency and released 300 million korunas (12 million euros, \$15 million) in disaster funds. Several hundred people had to be evacuated, as well as a hospital and the Prague zoo.

Barricades have been erected along the banks of the Vltava river in Prague to prevent it from flooding, and the iconic Charles bridge was closed.

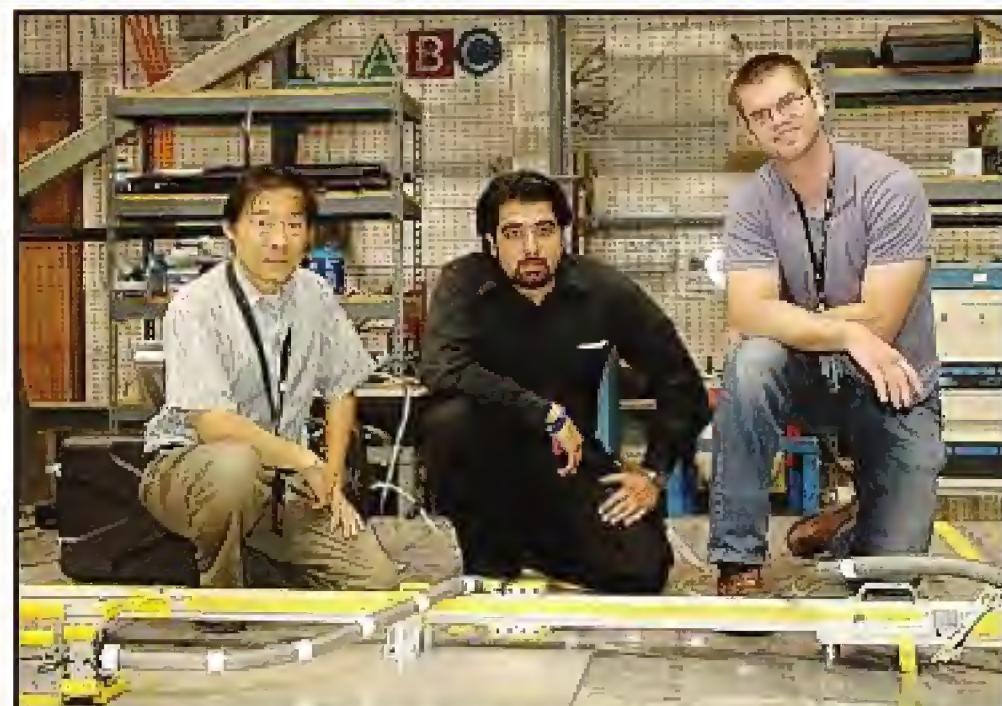
German Chancellor Angela Merkel pledged federal government support for the affected areas, while the army was sent in to help in some towns in the east as water levels rose.

Further downstream, Austrian towns including Linz and Melk were bracing for the worst, with some local authorities fearing a repeat of the record floods in 2002 that caused damage of up to 7.5 billion euros nationwide.

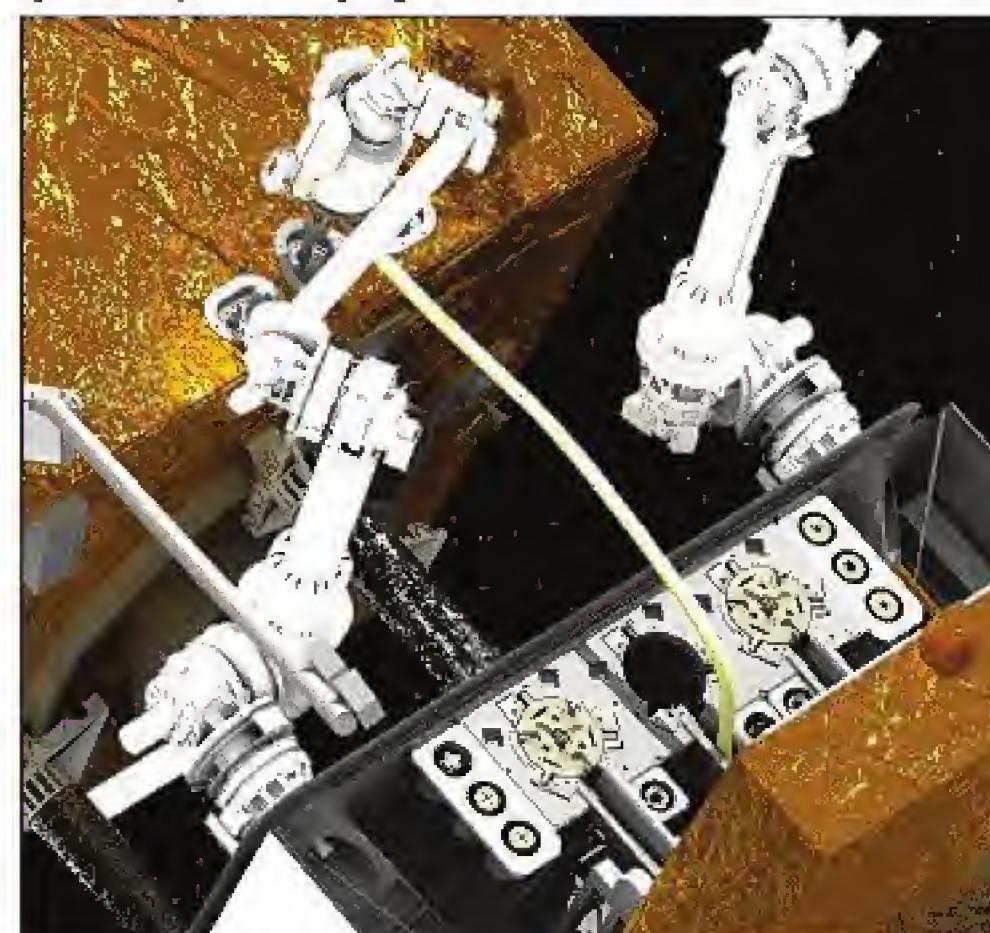
Aruban Robotics Engineer Dr Edward Cheung will experience zero g to advance space science

Aruba is very proud of their native son, Dr. Edward Cheung, an expert and PhD in Robotics Engineering, who for more than a decade headed the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) Servicing Mission and is now team leader of NASA's Satellite Servicing Capability Office (SSCO).

The SSCO, based out of Goddard Space Center in Maryland, was formed after the final mission to the HST, in which Dr. Cheung played a crucial role as chief engineer. Their new directive has been developing the means to extend the life of satellites in space. By developing the



Dr Cheung left and zero gravity flexible hose testing with Syrus Jeanes and Matt Sammons



Close up of the refueling process, the yellow hose is now being tested.

means to deploy robotic repairs and refueling, SSCO can provide the technology to more than double the life and usefulness of communications and weather satellites, thus saving tens of millions of US dollars spent regularly to replace them, often, simply because they have run out of fuel, or need a minor adjustment. Their mission of servicing these satellites "could help make space greener and more sustainable. Broken and drifting satellites take up valuable GEO real estate and pose a risk to their space neighbors."

Dr. Cheung and two NASA

Houston to conduct a series of tests during a zero-g flight. Jeanes, a structural analyst at Kennedy Space Center (KSC), worked on hose management for a propellant transfer system being developed by KSC in conjunction with the SSCO. Dr. Cheung and Sammons, lead designer of the EVR Nozzle Tool, are responsible for designing and testing a hose capable of transferring corrosive material while retaining maneuverability. A specialized plane which simulates zero-g is needed to confirm the viability of the hosing developed for pumping fuel in space. Testing for extremes in temperatures as is experienced in space, and the pressures of take-off, have already been conducted at the Goddard labs, when selecting the materials from which the hose would be constructed.

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Pointers to Ponder



Using an ideology is a cheap shot for getting popular votes!

We are familiar with this tactic being used for decades across the globe. Ambitious aspiring politicians have embarked on using an ideology to gain the attention and woe voters for their votes during election campaigns. Some have achieved a measure of success through this medium, but a large majority, as we can learn from history, experienced sad defeat and political demise as a result.

In every free and democratic society, such as Aruba's, everyone has the right to voice and even promote any ideology, but to resort to using an ideology for political gain has never been an accepted practice by the majority in any society. What's more, the truth of the matter is that most ideologies are almost always held by a small minority in a society; usually never large enough to make a significant difference in the overall vote count at the end of the day! Obviously, this is the reason why ambitious politicians-to-be get on this



bandwagon...they envision enlarging this ideological base for personal political gain.

What they often fail to realize is that ideologies are not embraced overnight because you say they should be, or because of your particular take on the issue. Those in history who succeeded in getting ahead because of an ideology they promoted, soon realized that their success was short-lived and only the precursor to a greater downfall and personal demise.

If elected to an office on that basis, these proponents of

an ideology soon realize that they are lone wolves in a sea of others who will be forever tugging at the other end. Imagine, in our political system with one or two proponents trying to pass legislation on an ideology with 19 others vehemently opposing every move they make!

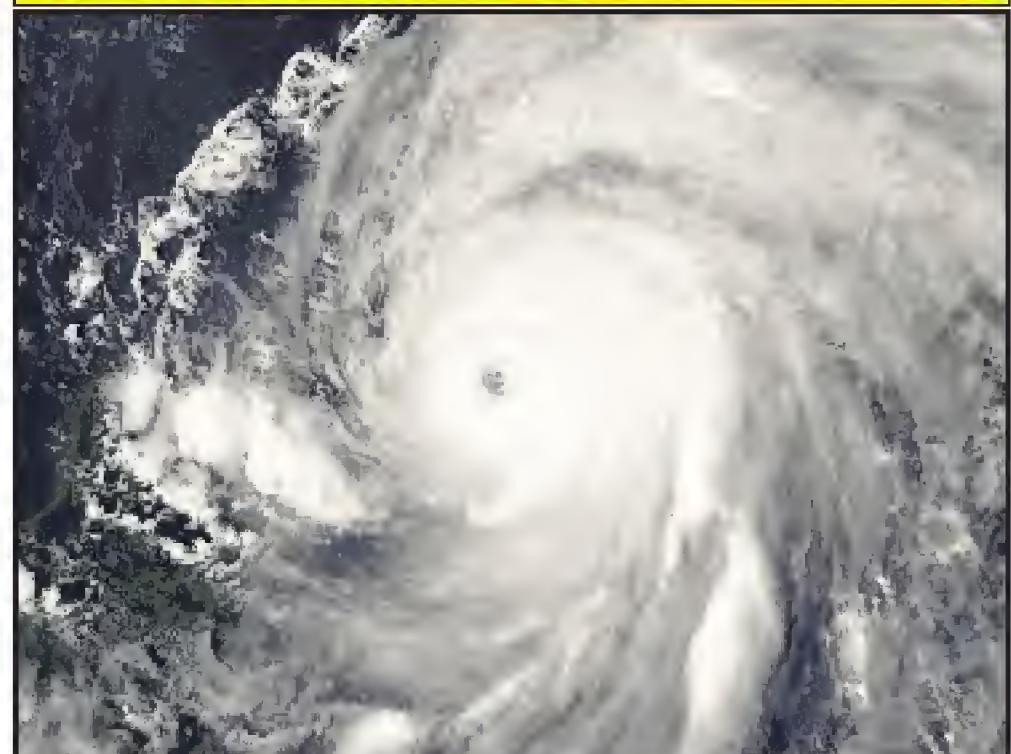
The object of this article is not to pass judgment on any ideology, for I firmly believe that everyone has the legal right to believe and promote whatever they choose. The objective of my writing today is to show that one needs much more than an ideology to convince voters to put confidence in them. The staunch reality of the matter is, whenever someone resorts to using an ideology to woe voters is because that is all they have left to use!

But what really gets the attention of voters is not whether they are in favor of a particular life style or not or whether they are in favor of legalizing a particular drug, voters' don't change ideologies overnight during political campaigning. People get the attention of an aspiring politician based on his/her credibility!

Here is the list of qualities that make someone stand out and be counted: Credibility, past track record of accomplishments, a genuine spirit of humility, aptitude and capability, and a constituent behind-the-scenes support group (in Dutch we call this 'Draagvlak'), and a sense of urgency to implement a measure that everyone can readily identify with as being beneficial to all (in Dutch we call this 'algemene belang').

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Storm Season 2013 has arrived-being prepared is the key



ORANJESTAD -- Though Aruba is considered "out of the hurricane belt," the high degree of storm activity over the last 15 years has increased awareness of local residents and the island's vulnerability. Meteorologists speculate that global warming has resulted in storms of greater magnitude and frequency, even affecting Aruba and the other most southerly

Caribbean islands. On and off over the last decade and a half throughout the Caribbean there have been long periods of oppressive heat due to lack of wind, and there have been some years Aruba experienced a very busy rainy season. This results in standing water and oppressive humidity, unusual for a desert island.

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Joran van der Sloot is getting married

LIMA —Joran van der Sloot plans to wed his Peruvian girlfriend for love, his lawyer said on the weekend. His Peruvian girlfriend is Leydi Figueroa Uceda, who has visited Van der Sloot in jail.

Van der Sloot, a 25-year-old Dutch citizen, is serving 28 years in prison for killing Peruvian business student Stephany Flores, 21, in 2010 after meeting her playing poker in a Lima casino.

When his term ends, he is also slated to be sent to the United States to face charges of extortion stemming from the unsolved disappearance of U.S. citizen Natalee Holloway in 2005.

"He is getting married for the simple reason that he is in love and wants to formalize it," his lawyer Max Altez said.

Altez denied speculation the marriage was part of a

gambit to help Sloot win permanent residency or citizenship in Peru and thus avoid extradition to the United States when his current jail term ends, adding that the marriage could be held within the next few weeks if Van der Sloot's grandmother sends him his birth certificate and if Peruvian authorities grant him a marriage license.

Van der Sloot could spend less than a decade behind bars in Peru as the country often frees prisoners for good behavior after serving a third of their terms.

Prosecutors say Van der Sloot, who was arrested but never charged for the disappearance of Holloway, tried to get thousands of dollars in cash from Holloway's family in exchange for information on the whereabouts of her body.

Save a Lot employees unit to aid Baby Chloe Veronica—you can help!

Co-Workers of Roger Sluijter at the Save a Lot supermarket in Noord/Bubali were heartbroken to hear of the terrible accident of his little girl, Chloe Veronica, over Easter Sunday, this year. Her father and brother Ryan found her nearly drowned in their pool on the holiday. They credit their neighbor, "an angel who lives across the street," with keeping her alive, by administering CPR to the baby during the entire 15 minutes of a frantic ride to Aruba's emergency room.

Chloe Veronica regained her heartbeat and was immediately airlifted via air ambulance to Colombia for treatment in a more advanced Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, beyond what Aruba can offer. She remained there in a pharmaceutical coma for two weeks. Roger and her mother, Cindy, were in constant attendance. She finally emerged from the coma with severe disabilities. During her time in Bucaramanga, Colombia, the family celebrated their baby's 2nd birthday together with hospital staff.



food source, the intake of Pediasure through a tube to her stomach.

The family is praying for her recovery, but this will not be possible without extensive therapy and advanced care, which is being denied by their insurance. Roger's colleagues and friends have formed the

through this difficult time, and raise the desperately needed funds. Presently, the family is in Holland to investigate and pursue all avenues of treatment for the recovery Baby Chloe Veronica.

Shoppers at Save a Lot can purchase tickets for a fundraising BBQ, to be held in the market's parking lot on June 30th, from any of the cashiers at the market. On that day, there will also be a bake sale and a donation box set up for those wishing to help.

Care for Friends has also set up a bank account at Aruba Bank for donations; the account number: 2484.990.190 under the name of Care for Friends. For more information on how to help, contact Glenda van der Biezen, a manager at Save a Lot, at telephone 561-8186.

Rosalie Klein



Co-workers are trying to raise funds

Chloe Veronica was required to remain in specialized care in Colombia for six weeks. Her parents report that on their return to Aruba, many essential services and treatments needed to rehabilitate the child are being refused by the national health plan, AZV.

Chloe requires 20 hours of therapy weekly to have any chance of regaining her motor skills; the AZV will only allow 1 hour per week, and that is only for a limited period of 12 weeks. They also denied coverage on the 10 types of medicines she needs and her sole

Care for Friends Foundation, uniting to help the family

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Without credibility and the above list, all ideologies, no matter how noble and plausible, they are not what get good people elected into public office. Whether you believe in homosexuality as an accepted lifestyle or not, or whether you are a proponent of legalizing Marijuana, really is not an issue of importance to the majority of voters. Only those who have an affinity to those ideologies will be attracted to you...notice I said "be attracted" not necessarily vote for you! And, to think that the voter base is big enough to amass a quantitative number of votes is simple fallacy in a society predominantly Catholic/

Christian!

What Aruba needs today more than anything is men and women of unquestionable credibility and a staunch commitment to serve others selflessly, sincerely and to be committed to causes that are for the benefit of all citizens unconditionally! This is exactly what the majority of voters out there are screaming at you...credibility, and a cause we can all identify with and consider beneficial to us all for the long term!

If this article was helpful in any way, I'd love to hear from you at: tonygreen.morningnews@hotmail.com.

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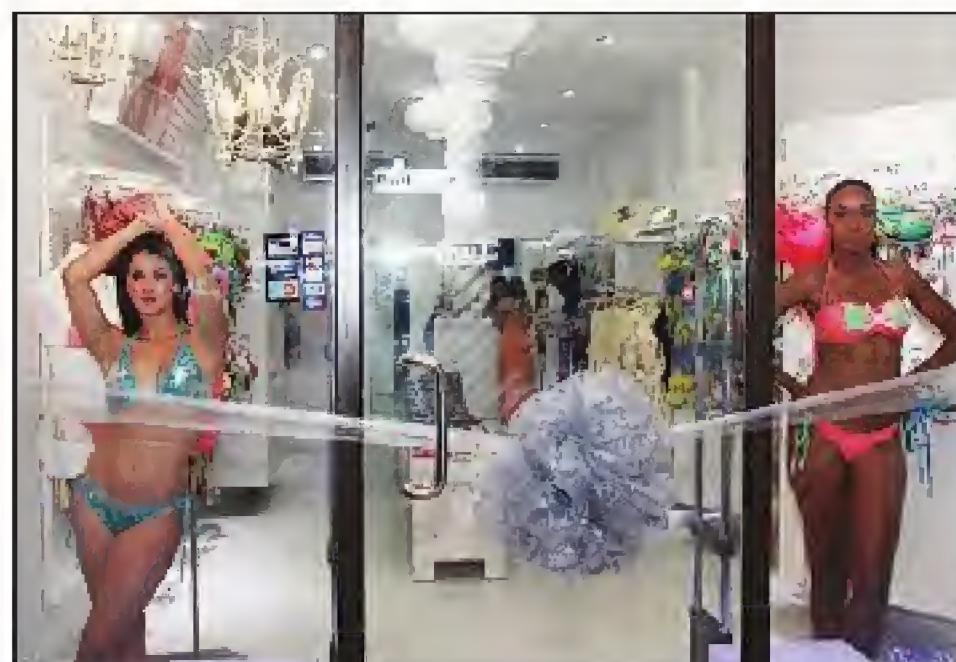


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Paseo Herencia Mall welcomes stylish swim & resort wear store Agua Santa



An elegant opening with Miss Teen Universe and runner up



Nelbert Perez cuts the ribbon on Agua Santa



Nelbert and Jose toast the new store

Paseo Herencia Shopping Mall owners Dan Oduber and Alex Lovera and Marketing Manager Candy Rasmijn were proud to join island fashionista Nelbert Perez and her husband Jose for the gala opening of their new shop, Agua Santa, located directly across from the mall's adorable vintage carousel.

Nelbert is the style-savvy lady who first brought Agua Bendita designer bathing suits and beachwear to Aruba, but has decided to focus her attention on far more affordable lines in her new Agua Santa Store.

It is a showcase for the very popular Lulifama lines of hot, colorful swimsuits and bikinis, modeled with flair by Aruba's

Miss Teen Universe, Thessaly Zimmerman, and Miss Teen Aruba First Runner-up, who will represent the island at the Miss Teen World competition, Isabella Gonzalez.

Lulifama is the brainchild of Lourdes "Lulu" Haniman, orig-

inally from Cuba, but now working out of Miami. "Her collection is made from light fabrics, enhanced with exceptional details, tailored to accentuate a woman's figure. They reflect a new thought process and design concept," asserts Nelbert, "I am proud to feature this wonderful line of resort wear."

Along with Lulifama, visitors to the shop will find an adorable selection of funky and fun bags, hats, waterproof jewelry and sandals that perfectly complete a shore side fashion statement. The store is open in the evenings for after-dinner inspiration in putting together a stylish look for the beach.

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Storm Season 2013 has arrived *cont'd*



Pelican Pier

Last week, official NOAA hurricane forecasters again predicted an "above average" storm season for 2013. They cited a 70 percent likelihood of 13 to 20 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which seven to 11 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including three to six major hurricanes (Category 3, 4 or 5; winds of 111 mph or higher.) These ranges are well above the seasonal average of 12 named storms, six hurricanes and three major hurricanes.

Aruba learned its lesson in 2004 and an extremely close call with Hurricane Ivan, not to take anything for granted during the six-month peak storm season. The island has not, in anyone's memory, suffered a direct hit from any of the major hurricanes that caused so much

destruction and casualties that their names were retired, such as Ivan and Katrina.

Aruba does maintain a Disaster Office specifically charged with coordinating efforts by Aruba's Meteorological Department, Fire and Police Departments and Red Cross, to be prepared and assist if a major storm threatens the island. They are always ready for action and suggest that residents be so as well. Primary advice is not to wait for the approach of a major storm to stock up on canned goods, flash lights, lanterns, and batteries. Purchase a few items every week during regular shopping trips before storm season, and then beat the panicked rush when bad weather is looming and stores run out of necessary items.

Establish a "dry room" in your home, and be aware of the location of shelters. Informative pamphlets in several languages regarding how to prepare can be obtained at island supermarkets, Red Cross Headquarters in Dakota and at the disaster office on the outskirts of Oranjestad next to Super Food Market. We are now in the midst of peak storm season, when sea surface temperatures have gotten warm enough to contribute to the formation of well-formed, organized storm systems. Each year, scientists are reporting warmer waters earlier in the season, which they believe is due to global warming, resulting in more frequent and physically larger storms of greater strength. This also contributes to longer and more intense hurricane seasons.

Certain climate factors that contribute to strong Atlantic

hurricane activity are a continuation of the atmospheric climate pattern, which includes a strong west African monsoon, that is responsible for the ongoing era of high activity for Atlantic hurricanes that began in 1995. Add to that warmer-than-average surface water temperatures in the tropical Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea, and the fact that El Niño is not expected to develop and suppress hurricane formation; these are the circumstances that NOAA scientists take into consideration for their prediction for 2013.

"This year, oceanic and atmospheric conditions in the Atlantic basin are expected to produce more and stronger hurricanes," said Gerry Bell, lead seasonal hurricane forecaster with NOAA's Climate Prediction Center. "These conditions include weaker wind shear, warmer Atlantic waters and conducive winds patterns coming from Africa."

Experienced storm watchers know during the beginning of "peak season" to keep a close eye on weather formations coming off the coast of Africa, particularly if they form at latitudes of ten degrees north or less; these can be of concern to Aruban residents. As fronts travel west over the Atlantic and build in force over open water, they usually tend to be drawn north by wind conditions and the magnetic pole. However, a number of "low blowers" such as Hurricanes Gilbert and Joan in 1988, which stuck to a straight western path across South America, can readily affect Aruba's weather, resulting in stormy days and rough seas.

As the season progresses, major storms tend to form in the Western Caribbean in the Gulf of Mexico or Campeche of the Yucatan Peninsula. Recent years, such as Hurricane Sandy of last year, has taught us that when it comes to storms, nature can still provide plenty of surprises, so it is wise to be prepared. For up-to-the-minute advisories and warnings, check the website of Aruba's Meteorological Service: <http://www.meteo.aw>

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At least 16 dead after rain, twisters lash mid-US

OKLAHOMA -- Tornadoes killed at least 16 people in the US Midwest, including two children, officials have confirmed, as flooding hampered cleanup efforts in Oklahoma, still recovering from a monster twister that struck last month.

Friday night's storms battered areas in and around Oklahoma City with high winds, heavy rain and hail.

In Missouri, streets turned into rivers, with stranded cars submerged in water as high as their door handles in some places. A massive sink hole off a major road developed due to

the deluge, halting traffic.

Hospitals in Oklahoma City reported 104 injuries, including five critical patients.

The Weather Channel confirmed at least three tornadoes touched down around St. Louis, badly damaging homes but not causing any fatalities.

Tens of thousands were without power. Gov. Nixon declared a state of emergency. After touring the damage on Saturday, Nixon told The Weather Channel that "dozens of houses literally exploded" in Charles County, where an EF3 twister ripped through.

Aruban Robotics Engineer Dr. Cheung ...

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"The main concern overall is twisting the hose until it breaks and leaks. So a lot of our handling procedures are meant to guard against this. We need to be certain we have not overlooked something such as not having enough slack in the hose, or enough in the mechanism that snaps the hose to stimulate it into motion. We have already tested in cold, but not while flexing it. Just tested to see how well it insulates from the cold. However, these procedures have not yet been tested in zero G," explained Dr. Cheung during an exclusive interview with THE MORNING NEWS.

During the testing, a mechanism at one end will "push" the flexible hose once the team has entered into microgravity. A motion capture system will then record how the hose acts. Dr. Cheung reports they will do four flights, one each day, beginning tomorrow, June 4, after a final review of procedures today. Each flight will consist of 32 "parabolas," lasting one minute each.

A parabola takes place when the special Zero-G plane has attained an altitude of 34,000 feet, at which point it will dive for 10,000 feet. During that dive, zero-g, absolute weightlessness, will be achieved during the final 30 seconds of the dive. Once the plane reaches 24,000 feet, it will pull out of the dive, at which point the gravitation force will suddenly switch to the extreme of 2 g, which will literally pin all those on board to the floor of the plane. That is 32 times, during EACH flight, that Dr. Cheung and his colleagues, as well as a team of science students from Oklahoma State University, will be bounced around like human ping-pong balls. Each flight will last around three hours, weather permitting. "We may have to do two flights a day, if conditions interfere, or continue the tests through Saturday," he reports.



Dr. Cheung briefs students on upcoming mission



Conceptual Sat servicing mission.

Those taking the flight are being administered concentrated shots of Scopolamine to control nausea and vomiting during the flight, a common side-effect of the continual changes in g-force. "You really don't want a bunch of people regurgitating during the flight. I have heard it is contagious; it only takes one to get everyone started. Imagine our stomach contents floating around during zero-g!" For these reasons, the passengers are warned to go onboard with empty stomachs. "I have been told we should expect to return from the flight very tired and extremely hungry."

Despite what doesn't sound like much fun, Dr. Cheung and his colleagues are very excited about their upcoming experience. "When the mission was approved, everyone in my de-

partment suddenly became my best friend, in the hopes of being selected to accompany me for the zero-g flights" he revealed. "I admit, we are space nerds. Going into zero-g is a dream come true."

This will be the first Zero-G flight a team of career space scientists will share a plane with young students also interested in their field of research and work. "We are preparing in an open hanger with the students, and it has been very exciting to share this time with them. They are so thrilled, bright-eyed and enthusiastic, they have tons of questions and are interested in every aspect of our work. I am truly enjoying this interaction, and looking forward to the flight. For me, it is just awesome; absolutely pure heaven!"

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Blair warns of 'profound, dangerous' Islamist threat

LONDON (AFP) - Former British prime minister Tony Blair warned Sunday that the Islamist ideology allegedly behind the murder of a British soldier in a London street was "profound and dangerous".

Blair, now an international Middle East peace envoy, said it was time to admit the breadth of a "strain within Islam" harbouring views incompatible with free societies.

Blair, a Roman Catholic who says he reads the Koran daily, said most Muslims in Britain would be horrified at the murder of Lee Rigby on May 22.

"There is not a problem with Islam," he wrote in The Mail on Sunday newspaper.

"There is a problem within

Islam -- from the adherents of an ideology which is a strain within Islam. And we have to put it on the table and be honest about it.

"I am afraid this strain is not the province of a few extremists. It has at its heart a view about religion and about the interaction between religion and politics that is not compatible with pluralistic, liberal, open-minded societies.

"At the extreme end of the spectrum are terrorists, but the world view goes deeper and wider than it is comfortable for us to admit. So by and large we don't admit it."

He said that made Islamic extremists think "we are weak", which in turn makes

those within Islam who want to tackle the issue "lose heart".

The former Labour Party leader said revolutionary communism was resisted by being resolute on security, "but we defeated it by a better idea: freedom. We can do the same on this."

Blair suggested that the "problem within Islam" could start to be tackled by "educating children about faith".

Two men charged with murdering Rigby are due to appear in separate London court hearings today.

The murder is the first fatal Islamist attack in Britain since suicide bombers killed 52 people in the London transport network in 2005.

Red Cross can enter Qusayr after fighting ends: Syria

DAMASCUS (AFP) - Syria will allow the Red Cross to enter Qusayr to aid trapped civilians only after the end of a regime assault on the embattled town, its foreign minister told the UN chief Sunday.

"Syrian authorities will allow the Red Cross in cooperation with the Syrian Red Crescent access to the area immediately after the end of military operations," Walid Muallem told Ban Ki-moon, state news agency SANA reported.

On Saturday, Ban expressed concern about civilians trapped in the town in central Homs province, where regime forces backed by Lebanon's Hezbollah militant group began an assault two weeks ago.

SANA said Muallem voiced "surprise at the concern being expressed over the situation in Qusayr, given that no one expressed this concern when terrorists took control of the city and the surrounding area."



He accused "terrorists," the government's term for rebel fighters, of "committing the most heinous crimes against citizens for the past 18 months," SANA said.

"What the Syrian Arab Army is doing is to free these citizens from the terrorism of these armed terrorist groups and return security and stability to Qusayr and the surrounding area," Muallem added.

International aid groups and

the UN have said between 1,000 to 1,500 injured Syrians are trapped inside Qusayr along with parts of its civilian population of around 25,000 people.

The town is a key strategic post for both the regime and rebels because it lies along the route between the capital Damascus and the sea and near the Lebanese border, serving as a conduit for rebel weapons and fighters.

Uruguay urges support for Colombia peace process

MADRID (AFP) - Uruguay's president has urged the international community to do all it can to back the peace process between Colombia and leftist rebels amid fears that the talks could collapse, in an interview published Sunday in Spain.

The first peace negotiations in a decade between Colombia and the FARC began in Oslo in October and have since continued in the Cuban capital.

But in a fresh setback, Venezuela -- a facilitator of talks between the rebels and the Colombian government -- has recalled its representative to the peace talks in Havana in protest against a meeting Wednesday in Bogota between Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos and Venezuelan opposition leader Henrique Capriles.

Capriles and Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro are locked in a bitter dispute over the outcome of April 14 presidential elections to replace the late Hugo Chavez.

"We are at a crossroads: the most important thing happening in Latin America is the attempt to build peace in Colombia. It is one of the most important things that have happened in recent decades and we have to do

everything to help," Uruguayan President Jose Mujica told daily Spanish newspaper El País.

The leftist 73-year-old praised Santos as "an open man" who "should receive warm support from the international community".

The peace talks are currently in recess and are set to resume June 11.

They are the fourth attempt since the 1980s to bring peace to Colombia, which has been at war since the rebels took up arms in 1964 in a peasant insurrection.

The two sides announced on May 26 a deal on "land access and use" and the "regularisation of property" which was welcomed by the United Nations.

But the negotiations are taking place without a ceasefire and they still face many obstacles, including whether the rebels can avoid jail before returning to civilian life, the FARC's role in drug trafficking, disarmament and compensation for victims.

The government's previous attempts at peace in the past 30 years have failed. In 1984, the rivals managed to agree on a ceasefire, but it ended three years later after a wave of assassinations of elected officials close to the FARC.

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Drug offers first hope for advanced cervical cancer

CHICAGO (AFP) - A new cervical cancer drug offers the first good hope of extending life for women with advanced stages of the disease, according to a study published.

Existing chemotherapy regimes are largely ineffective against advanced stages of cervical cancer, which kills 250,000 women worldwide every year.

That's why early screening is so critical -- regular Pap smears have managed to reduce deaths in wealthy countries by 80 percent.

"Women with advanced cervical cancer don't have many options," said lead study author Krishnansu Sujata Tewari, a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of California Irvine.

The study found that women who were given the drug bevacizumab (Avastin) along with their chemotherapy prolonged survival to an average of 17 months, compared with 13.3 months for those who only received chemotherapy.

The phase III clinical trial of 452 women found that 48 percent of patients who received the drug saw their tumors shrink, compared with 36 percent of those who did not.

The results also indicated that the survival benefit did not come at the cost of diminished quality of life.

It offers "the first ever treatment to extend the lives of women with aggressive cervical cancer," said ASCO spokeswoman and gynecologic cancers expert Carol Aghajanian.

Genentech's drug bevacizumab is currently approved by US regulators for use in several advanced cancers, but has not yet been approved for gynecological cancer. It works to block blood vessel formation in the tumor.

Tewari said he hopes the results are strong enough to gain approval for the drug to be used with cervical cancer patients.

Thanks to early detection and treatment, cervical cancer only kills 4,000 women a year in the United States.

But for those who do not respond to treatment, the situation is grim.

"Women die in the prime years of their lives and children lose their mothers," Tewari said.

Bevacizumab is likely too costly to help the bulk of advanced cervical cancer patients who live in developing countries, Tewari acknowledged.

Help could nonetheless eventually reach them now that scientists know that blocking blood vessel formation can impact advanced cervical cancer.

A second study released offered hope to women in developing countries who rarely have access to early screening.

Researchers in India were able to reduce cervical cancer rates by 31 percent by using a simple, cheap vinegar test that can be administered by community health workers and delivers instant results.

Health & Living

New hope for melanoma, colorectal cancer treatment

CHICAGO (AFP) - New hope for the treatment of melanoma and colorectal cancer was presented at a major cancer research conference in Chicago Saturday.

"New targeted and immunotherapy drugs are emerging as viable strategies for halting the progression of these difficult diseases," said Gregory Masters, a medical oncologist at the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center in Delaware.

Three major studies presented at the American Society of Clinical Oncology annual conference showed promising results for treating melanoma.

Melanoma, which is expected to cause nearly 9,500 deaths in the United States this year, is typically found in the skin.

It becomes one of the hardest cancers to treat when it affects the eye.

Researchers believe they have found the first drug able to tackle advanced melanoma of the eye.

An early phase II clinical study of 98 patients found AstraZeneca's drug selumetinib led tumors to shrink for half the patients who used it.

It also more than doubled the amount of time -- to 15.9 weeks -- it took for the disease to worsen when compared with patients who received a drug developed to fight melanoma of the skin. The median survival rate rose to 10.8 months from 9.4 months.

Eight previous clinical studies had shown tumor shrinkage in only two of the 157 patients tested.

A second study found that Bristol-Myers Squibb's drug nivolumab -- which targets a receptor on the surface of T-cells to boost the body's immune response to cancer -- helped late-stage melanoma

patients who did not respond to traditional therapy.

The expanded phase I study of 107 patients found that 30 percent experienced tumor shrinkage, compared with historical response rates of five to 10 percent, while median survival rates exceeded those of recently approved melanoma drugs.

"I think nivolumab is a real breakthrough drug for patients with metastatic melanoma, and probably for other diseases, too," said lead author Mario Sznol, a professor of medical oncology at the Yale Cancer Center in Connecticut.

A third study found patients with metastatic melanoma increased their survival chances by 35 percent when Sanofi's white blood cell booster GM-CSF (Leukine) was combined with an increased dose of Bristol-Myers Squibb's immunotherapy drug ipilimumab (Yervoy).

The phase II study of 245 patients also found that those receiving the drug combination had fewer serious side effects, particularly lung and gastrointestinal toxicities.

Meanwhile, a phase III study of 592 patients with colorectal cancer showed that Merck's cetuximab (Erbitux) gives patients a roughly four-month survival advantage over those who take Genentech's bevacizumab (Avastin).

While the median time for the disease to grow after treatment was about 10 months with both drugs, the overall survival rate for patients taking cetuximab was 28.7 months compared to 25 months for those using bevacizumab.

Both drugs are already approved for use as an initial treatment when combined with chemotherapy, and this is the first study to suggest that one is superior.



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US, China to hold regular talks on hacking: White House

NEW YORK (AFP) - The United States and China have agreed to hold regular, high-level meetings aimed at setting standards for behavior on cybersecurity and commercial spying, the White House confirmed Sunday.

The talks -- first reported by The New York Times -- have a wide agenda, focusing not just on hacking but also on developing ground rules for operating in cyberspace, an official told AFP.

In its report Saturday, the Times said the talks are the "first diplomatic effort to defuse the tensions over what the United States says is a daily barrage of computer break-ins and theft of corporate and government secrets."

An unnamed senior US official involved in negotiations to hold the regular meetings told the newspaper that "we need to get some norms and rules." The first talks were set for July.

The development comes ahead of President Barack Obama's informal summit with Chinese President Xi Jinping on Friday in Rancho Mirage, California, the first since Xi took office in March.

"American officials say they do not expect the process to immediately yield a significant reduction in the daily intrusions from China," the Times said.

But "it is a serious issue that cannot simply be swatted away with talking points," said the unnamed US official, who noted that the meetings would focus primarily on the theft of intellectual property from American companies.

In Singapore on Saturday, US Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel accused China of waging cyber espionage against the United States, raising pressure on Beijing over the issue ahead of Obama and Xi's meeting.

The Pentagon chief, speaking at a security forum attended by senior Chinese military officials, pointedly blamed Beijing and its armed forces for repeated intrusions into sensitive US information systems.

Hagel's remarks came just days after China's defense ministry dismissed a Pentagon report accusing Chinese hackers of accessing US weapons designs.

China says it is a victim of cyberattacks.

Online Muslims more open to Western culture: poll analysis

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Muslims outside the United States who use the Internet are more likely to have a favorable opinion of Western popular culture than those who don't go online, the Pew Research Center said.

Crunching the numbers of its recent wide-ranging survey of Muslims in 39 countries, the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life found a median of 18 percent of respondents use the Internet at home, work or school.

Internet use varied widely, however, between the African, Asian, European and Middle Eastern nations surveyed -- from two percent in Afghanistan to 59 percent in Kosovo.

Focusing on 25 countries with enough Muslims using the Internet to allow a detailed analysis, Pew found that Muslims who go online are more inclined to like Western movies, music and television.

"They are (also) somewhat

less inclined to say that Western entertainment is harming morality in their country," said Pew, which posted its analysis on its www.pewforum.org website.

That remained the case even when such factors as age, education and gender were taken into account, the pollsters said.

The difference was especially marked in countries like Kyrgyzstan, Senegal, Russia and Indonesia, where Internet users were at least 30 percentage points more likely to have a positive view of Western entertainment.

Muslims online tended to be younger and better educated than those who don't use the Internet, and men slightly outnumbered women.

Internet use did not appear to make much difference in Muslims' interpretations of their faith, although those who are online were "somewhat more likely" to see things in

common between Islam and Christianity, Pew said.



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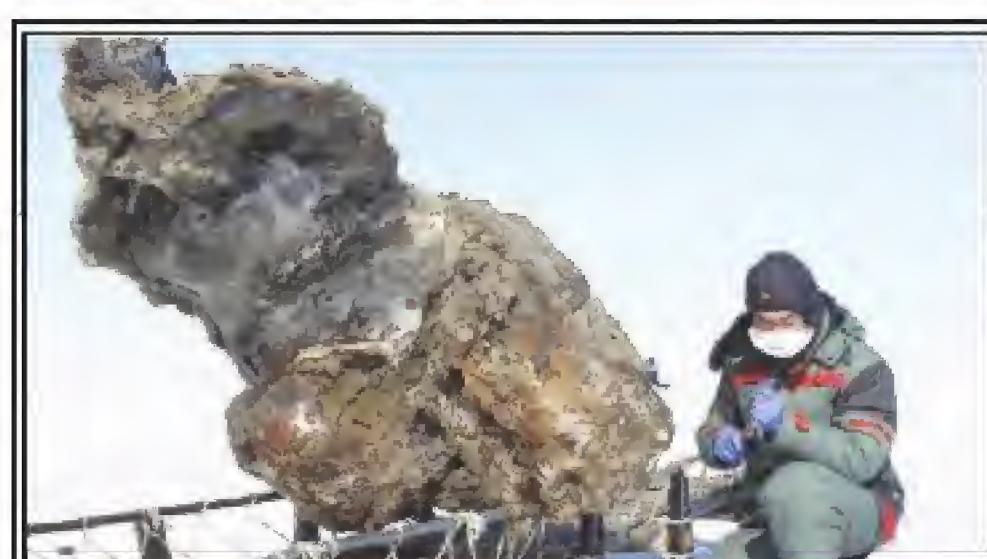
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RUSSIAN FEDERATION, - A handout photo taken recently and provided by the Yakutsk-based Northeastern Federal University, shows a researcher working near a carcass of a female mammoth found on a remote island in the Arctic Ocean. Russian scientists claimed they have discovered blood in the carcass of a woolly mammoth, adding that the rare find could boost their chances of cloning the prehistoric animal.

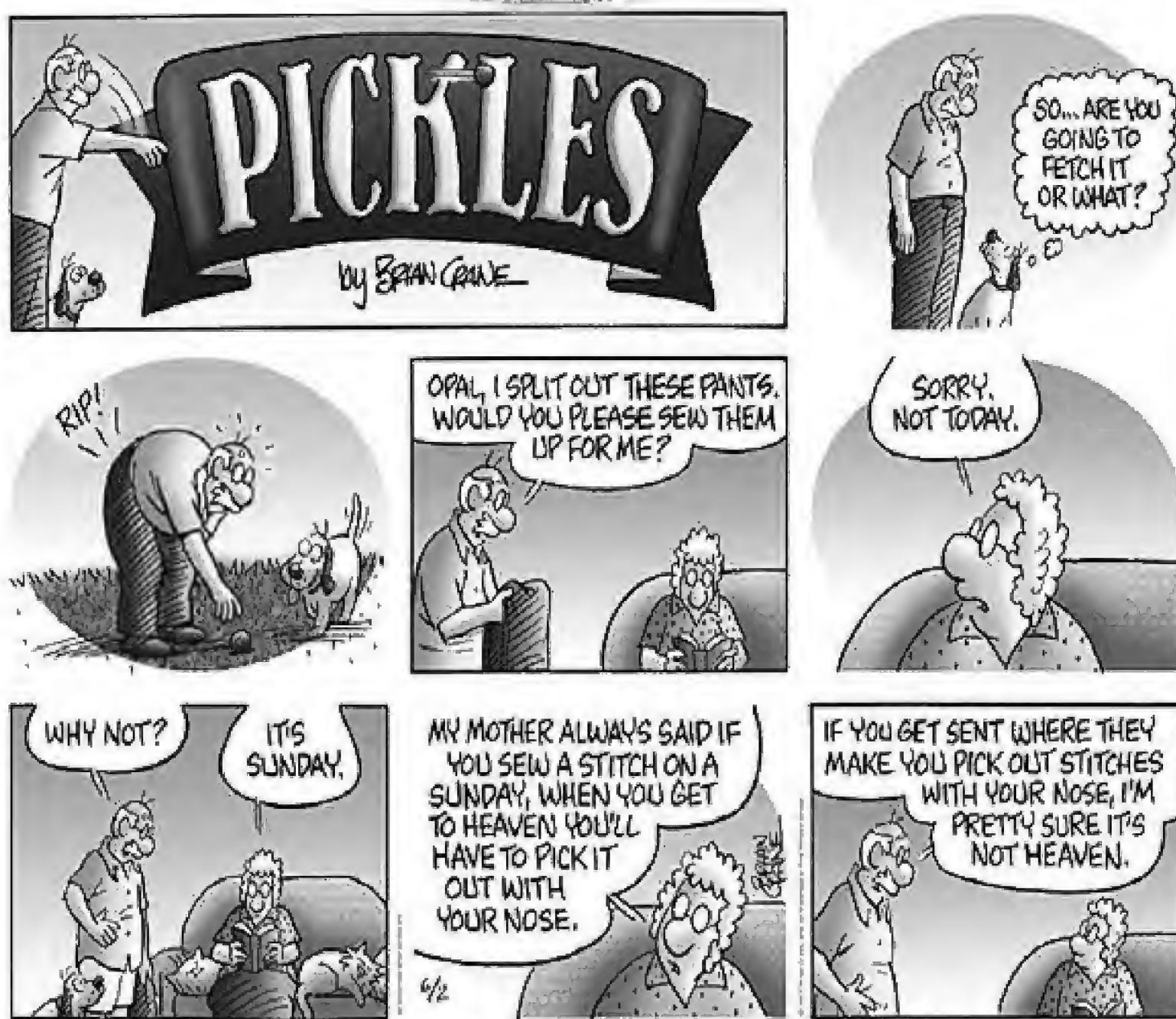


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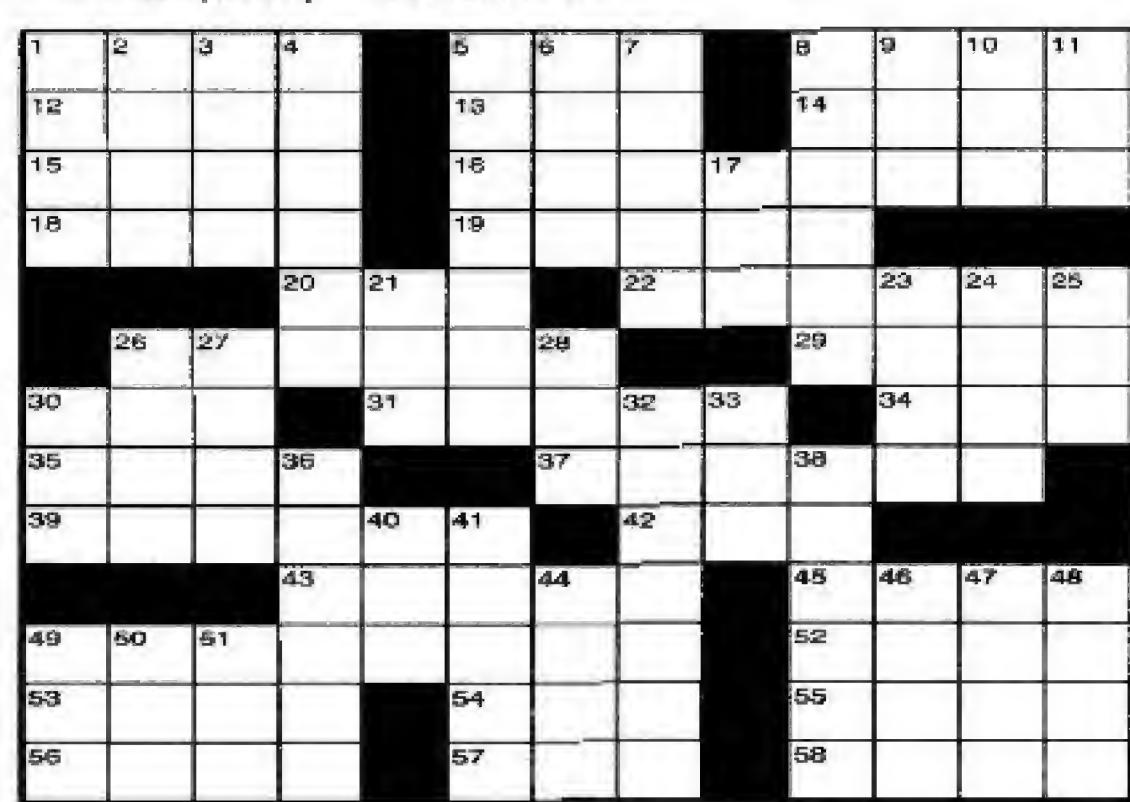
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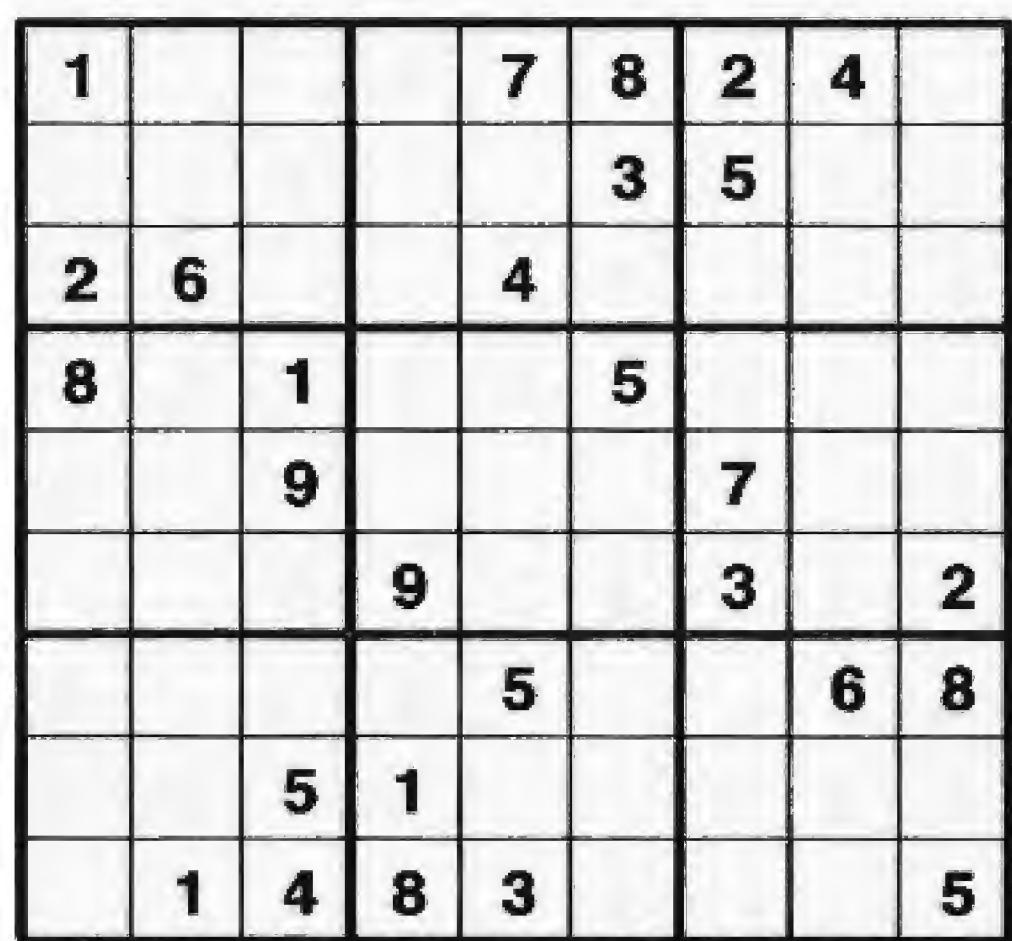
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Cross-border lending shrank in 2012

ZURICH (AFP) - Cross-border lending fell by 1.2 percent in the fourth quarter of 2012 from the previous three months, the Bank for International Settlements said yesterday.

The Swiss-based BIS -- often dubbed the central bankers' central bank -- said in its quarterly statistics that such loans fell by \$345 billion in the October to December period.

Taking the fall into account, the total sum of cross-border loans stood at \$29.3 trillion at the end of 2012, down by 1.9 percent on the level of 2011.

"Across all reporting areas, banks curbed their cross-border exposure to advanced economies but increased it to emerging market economies and offshore financial centers,"

the BIS noted.

The fall in activity was particularly marked for euro-denominated loans, it said.

Its figures showed that cross-border lending to banks in the 17-nation eurozone shrank by 5.2 percent, the third successive quarterly fall.

Cross-border lending to British banks also fell by 2.6 percent, after having rebounded in the previous quarter, and dropped by 5.2 percent in the United States.

Japan was a notable exception among advanced economies, with lending to its banks rising by 7.7 percent.

The BIS underlined that the fall in cross-border inter-bank lending was more pronounced than in previous years.

Fast & Furious' tops N. America box office again

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - "Fast & Furious 6" retained the top spot at the North America box office at the weekend, estimates showed yesterday, ahead of "Now You See Me," a crime caper starring Morgan Freeman and Michael Caine.

The action franchise sequel featuring Vin Diesel and Michelle Rodriguez took \$34.5 million at theaters, with Freeman and Caine's latest outing earning \$28 million on its debut, industry tracker Exhibitor Relations said.

In third place was science fiction epic "After Earth," star-

ring Will Smith, which grossed \$27 million.

"Star Trek: Into Darkness," another sequel, shared fourth spot with "Epic," a computer animated fantasy-adventure. Both movies took \$16.4 million at the weekend, according to the estimates.

Slipping down to sixth from second spot last week was "The Hangover Part III," starring Bradley Cooper and Zach Galifianakis. The final film in the series, given a thumbs down by many critics, earned \$15.9 million during its second weekend in theaters.

Robert Downey Jr's return in "Iron Man 3," meanwhile, took seventh place with \$8 million, while "The Great Gatsby," Baz Luhrmann's adaptation of the literary classic, slipped two places, earning \$6.3 million in eighth place.

Rounding out the top 10 were a new entry from Bollywood, "Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani," a coming of age drama, which earned \$1.6 million, and "Mud," with Matthew McConaughey and Reese Witherspoon, which took \$1.2 million in sales.

SATURDAY'S Crossword Answer



C. American and Caribbean business leaders meet with OAS

GUATEMALA - Major business executives from Central America and the Caribbean met in Guatemala City in a private meeting convened by the Assistant Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), Albert Ramdin, and the Minister of Economy of Guatemala, Sergio de la Torre, and attended by government officials from both regions.

Ministers of Trade and Economy and other senior trade officials from Guatemala, Jamaica, The Bahamas, Panama, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic and Haiti also addressed the private meeting.

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Swiss central bank head says no mission to save ailing banks

ZURICH (AFP) - Switzerland's central bank has no mission to save troubled banks, its president told local media yesterday, as a string of the country's financial institutions face potentially massive fines over secrecy rules.

Earlier this week, the small alpine nation struck a deal with the United States to enable Swiss banks to circumvent some elements of secrecy laws and turn over key information to US authorities.

Washington has repeatedly accused Swiss banks of complicity in tax evasion, since they hold billions of dollars belonging to American citizens accused of hiding away taxable income from the US revenue service.

The details of the sum the banks will have to pay US authorities in order to win legal closure is not yet known, but Swiss media have reported that the overall figure could hit 10 billion Swiss francs (\$10.5 billion, 8.0 billion euros).

"The (Swiss) National Bank does not have as a task to save banks when they go insolvent," Thomas Jordan was quoted as saying in an interview with the *Schweizer Sonntags* newspaper.

He stressed however, that the bank's mandate is to contribute to the stability of the country's financial system.

A bill on the deal will be put to parliament later this month and the implementation of its provisions will be limited

to one year.

With the global economic crisis having put tax havens into sharp focus, Switzerland has fought to defend its long-cherished principle of banking secrecy by giving ground in some areas but declining to allow the automatic handover of account details.

The government said that while the names of US clients can be handed over automatically, their account details can only be disclosed if Washington makes a specific request under rules related to the pursuit of tax dodgers.

Previous reports have said the 300 banks in Switzerland would be ranked by their level of alleged complicity in tax evasion.



ULAN BATOR : A new hotel building stands beside a screen wall from the ancient Choijin Temple in Ulan Bator, Mongolia on June 2, 2013. The country is in the middle of a resources boom with the huge copper and gold Oyu Tolgoi soon to open and which will provide vast revenues for the government that can be spent on infrastructure and education if corruption can be kept in check.

(AFP PHOTO)

Pachanga, Aruba's premiere salsa studio, celebrates 13 years of dance



Sexy Salsa doctors about to administer much needed treatment



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-- All this week, visitors to the Renaissance Marketplace, Bugaloe Bar, Confessions nightclub and the Brickell Bay Sand Bar Lounge have had an unexpected treat. Aruba first and foremost salsa dance studio, Pachanga, founded by 2002 World Salsa Champion, Oslin Boekhoudt, has been celebrating 13 years of getting islanders on their feet and dancing to the beat.

Oslin began his studio in 2000, and took on a young student named Janice Kock. Her inherent talent resulted in them becoming the team to bring home to Aruba the 2002 World Champion Salsa Trophy from Florida in 2002. Their connections and celebrity also brought the 2005 Salsa World Championships to Aruba, where they claimed second place, despite both being desperately ill with flu at the time. "Janice and Oslin" are household names when it comes to salsa in Aruba. They married in 2007, and now have two children.

For an entire week, in celebration of the art of dance, Oslin's and his prize students and teachers, including Janice's father, Franklin, have been performing workshops at various venues on the island, introducing novices to the elegance and sensuality of Salsa at its best.

The week of celebration culminated in a special show at the waterside terrace of the Renaissance Marketplace on Saturday evening, and a workshop at the Brickell Bay Beach Resort Sand Bar Lounge on Sunday evening.

They provided their audience with some exceptional



fun by combining humor with the elegance of dance. The male dancers played grumbling hospital patients in need of the right kind of care, provided by their sexy, high-stepping female doctors, for a lively and unique performance.

THE MORNING NEWS congratulates Pachanga Dance Studio in Tanki Leedert, which has been spreading the gospel of salsa, bachata and other great Latin dancing for over a decade; providing Aruba with world-wide fame in this entertaining art form.

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Have your bikini your way at Banana Moon



A store that finally understands the uniqueness of every woman's body has recently opened its doors on the Havenstraat in Oranjestad, just behind the Royal Plaza Mall.

Banana Moon is a well-known brand of swim and beach wear, manufactured in Monaco, so quality is insured. Their unique claim to fame is

that bikinis and tankinis are sold as separates, so stylish women can mix and match to

produce the combination of their choice, as well as being assured a perfect fit, both top and bottom. Prices are very reasonable for designer swimwear.

Owner Selma was inspired to seek out a brand that answered her own frustrations at

finding a proper fitting two piece swimsuit, and discovered the stylish and well-made product. The shop is quiet new, and they report they are expecting a shipment of the most recent collection at any moment.

Presently, however, their walls are lined with an adorable selection, in a rainbow of colors to suit any taste. Shelly from Ohio,



reports she had been all over the island looking for just such a store, and walked out with a big smile and two new bikinis. She has the good fortune to have a fantastic figure, but the misfortune of always finding bikini tops never quite fit when the bottom was just right. This is not an uncommon complaint. "We have nothing like this back where I live," she reports, "Banana Moon is a real find. I will certainly be back for more bathing suits next year."

The shop also features a complete inventory of the exclusive, but moderately priced "Arubiana" sandals, which

have a diverse selection that will produce at least one pair to perfectly color coordinate to your swim selection. Banana Moon also produces very attractive lines of beach tunics and wraps. Smart beach bags and adorable hats will complete the ensemble, for a perfectly fitting fashion statement on Aruba's fine white sands.

Banana Moon is open daily, Monday through Saturday, nonstop from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM. Visit them for that dream bikini that fits perfectly in all places!

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches



and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway, we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of

Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great

demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the

investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated with Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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SPORTS

Pistorius due back in dock over lover's killing

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - South African Paralympic star Oscar Pistorius will be back in the dock on Tuesday over the Valentine's Day killing of his girlfriend, just days after graphic photos emerged of the blood-spattered crime scene.

Pistorius is due to appear in a Pretoria court for a pre-trial hearing but both the defence and prosecution expect the case to be swiftly adjourned while detectives pursue their investigation.

The 26-year-old "Blade Runner" claims he shot his lover Reeva Steenkamp through a locked bathroom door in the early hours of February 14 after mistaking her for an intruder, and has assembled some of country's best legal names for his defence.

But the prosecution argues it was premeditated murder, a crime that carries a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Pistorius, who became an inspiration to millions as the first double amputee to compete against able-bodied athletes at the Olympics last year, is currently out on bail of one million rand (\$99,000, 76,000 euros).

On Friday, Britain's Sky News television released leaked images showing the bloodied bathroom of Pistorius's luxury Pretoria home where 29-year-old Steenkamp was shot three times in the dead of night.

Defence lawyers have complained to prosecutors about the leaked pictures, which show bloodstains on the toilet seat and surrounding floor and the door marked with two bullet holes just below the handle.

Police spokesman Phuti Setati said they did not know the source of the photos but that the leak would not jeopardise their case.

The position of the bullet holes appears to back Pistorius's claim that he was not wearing his prostheses when he fired the shots.

Pistorius's legal team cast doubt on the testimony of key Pistorius's lawyers are planning to seek a lesser charge of culpable homicide. Extreme cases of culpable homicide, with proven negligence and recklessness in the killing, carry a maximum sentence of 15 years.

Tennis: Roland Garros Sunday results:

PARIS (AFP) - Roger Federer racked up his 900th tour win and reached a 36th consecutive Grand Slam quarter-final Sunday while tearful Tommy Robredo also took the five-set route into the French Open quarter-finals.

Second seed Federer battled back to defeat French 15th seed Gilles Simon, 6-1, 4-6, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Robredo, meanwhile, the forgotten man of Spanish tennis, became the first player in 36 years to come back from two sets to love down in three successive Grand Slam matches.

His breathtaking 6-7 (5/7), 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 win over 11th



France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga hits a return to Serbia's Viktor Troicki

seeded compatriot Nicolas Almagro put him into the last eight in Paris for the fifth time.

Federer, 31, also claimed a record-equalling 58th win at Roland Garros, but he did it the hard way, briefly staring at his earliest exit at a major since losing to Gustavo Kuerten in Paris in the third round in 2004.

Federer goes on to face French sixth seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga for a place in the semi-finals after taking his career five-set record to 22-1.

Ferrer, the Spanish fourth seed and a semi-finalist in 2012, breezed past South Africa's Kevin Anderson 6-3, 6-1, 6-1.

The 31-year-old has made the last eight without dropping a set and takes a 6-2 head-to-head lead over Robredo into their quarter-final.

Anderson, the 27th seed, was bidding to become the first South African to reach the last-eight at Roland Garros since Cliff Drysdale in 1968 but his challenge was fatally undermined by 41 unforced errors.

Tsonga swept past unseeded

Serb Viktor Troicki, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 to make the last-eight for the second successive year.

Tsonga is seen as his country's best hope of ending a 30-year wait to crown a men's champion at the French Open.

Meanwhile Serena Williams bludgeoned her way to another lopsided win as she continued her quest for a second French Open title, 11 years after her first.

The top seeded American needed just 70 minutes to dispose of the world's top doubles player, Roberta Vinci of Italy, 6-1, 6-3 and in four matches at Roland Garros this year, she has dropped just 10 games.

The win puts her into a quarter-final matchup against unseeded Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia who won the title in Paris in 2009 after defeating Williams in a quarter-final thriller.

Kuznetsova, who outlasted eighth seed Angelique Kerber of Germany 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, said she would relish going up again against Williams, even given her current form.

Williams said that she ex-

pected a tough match every time she comes up against Kuznetsova.

"I mean, the last time we played here she won, so that will probably get her pumped up and she's on a comeback," she added.

Also through to the last eight was last year's runner-up Sara Errani who overcame stomach pain at the end of the first set to defeat Carla Suarez-Navarro of Spain 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.

The Italian will take on fourth seed Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland who defeated the 2008 champion Ana Ivanovic of Serbia 6-2, 6-4 in the last match of the day.

The victory for Williams takes her career-best winning streak to 28, the third longest since 2000 behind sister Venus (35) and Justine Henin (32).

A second French Open triumph on June 8 would give Williams 16 Grand Slam titles, two short of fellow Americans Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert who are tied for fourth place on the all-time list on 18.

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in Maracana friendly**

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - England gave World Cup hosts Brazil a fright Sunday as they held the five-time world champions to an entertaining 2-2 draw in a prestige friendly in Rio de Janeiro.

The visitors, victorious on their last visit back in 1984, when John Barnes famously clinched the win with a solo effort, were on the ropes in an absorbing first half which Brazil largely dominated, but held their own until 12 minutes after the restart when Fred scored for the South American giants.

But a neat strike from substitute Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain and then a rasping drive from



Wayne Rooney (L) of England vies for the ball with Thiago Silva of Brazil

Wayne Rooney turned the match on its head before Paulinho volleyed in eight minutes from time to level a contest held to mark the multi-million dollar refurbishment of the Maracana stadium.

England beat Brazil in a Wembley friendly back in February which marked the return to the auroverde's dugout of Luiz Felipe Scolari, the Brazilians' 2002 World Cup-winning coach.

But the pressure has been heaped on Scolari, who has managed only a win over Bo-

livia in half a dozen matches during this second spell in charge, while the World Cup hosts have slid to 19th in the FIFA rankings - an all-time lowpoint.

In addition, Brazil have been embarrassed by a series of glitches in preparations for not just the World Cup in 13 months time but also the Confederations Cup, which starts on June 15 in six venues across the country amid infrastructural problems which have dogged the hosts.



MIAMI (AFP) - Steve Cishek #31 of the Miami Marlins throws a pitch during the ninth inning against the New York Mets at Marlins Park yesterday in Miami, Florida. Marlins won 11-6.

NHL: Blackhawks down Kings in West finals opener, Bruins win

Pittsburgh Penguins goalie Tomas Vokoun sprawls after Boston Bruins' David Krejci scores in Game 1

CHICAGO (AFP) - Patrick Sharp and Marian Hossa netted second-period goals Saturday to give the Chicago Blackhawks a 2-1 victory over the defending champion Los Angeles Kings in their NHL play-off series opener.

The Bruins opened the Eastern Conference finals with a 3-0 victory over the Penguins in Pittsburgh.

"It's going to be a long one, but getting that first win is big for us," said Chicago's Sharp, a Canadian left wing.

The Kings, who have not faced Chicago in the playoffs since 1974, fell to 1-6 in road games in this year's playoffs. They were 10-1 away from home last year in their run to the title.

Los Angeles goalie Jonathan Quick made 34 saves in a losing cause.

In Pittsburgh, Boston goalie Tuukka Rask stopped all 39 shots he faced for his first career playoff shutout, while David Krejci notched a pair of goals for the Bruins.

Nathan Horton added a goal and the primary assist on Krejci's brace as the Bruins produced their first post-season shutout on the road since a 4-0 triumph in game seven of the Stanley Cup finals at Vancouver.

ver two seasons ago.

Tomas Vokoun suffered the defeat despite making 27 saves for Pittsburgh, who will try to bounce back and even the series when they host game two today.

Boston took a 2-0 lead four minutes into the third period, when Krejci's shot from the right deflected off Vokoun's glove, and he beat a Pittsburgh defender to slot his own rebound into the net.

The Bruins gained a three-goal at 7:15 of the third when Horton fired home a Gregory Campbell rebound from a sharp angle on the left wing.

Seconds later, Rask dived right to deny Penguins star Sidney Crosby.

Krejci had given Boston the lead 8:23 into the first period when his drive from between the circles off a pass from Horton found its way between Vokoun's pads.





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NBA: Pacers down Heat to force game seven



LeBron James #6 of the Miami Heat dunks against George Hill #3 of the Indiana Pacers in Game Six of the Eastern Conference Finals

INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - The Indiana Pacers exploded in the second half en route to a 91-77 victory over Miami on Saturday to force a deciding seventh game in their NBA Eastern Conference final series.

Paul George led the Pacers with 28 points, Roy Hibbert added 24 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, and Indiana held off the reigning NBA champion Heat in the fourth quarter to knot the series at three games apiece.

The Pacers still face a tough task if they want to deny the Heat a return to the NBA finals, with Miami having the luxury of hosting game seven tonight.

The winners of the series will face Western Conference champions San Antonio in the NBA championship series starting on Thursday.

The Spurs will be well-rested against either opponent, thanks to their four-game sweep of Memphis in the Western Conference finals.

The Pacers led by as many as 17 points in the third quarter.

Indiana whittled the deficit to four midway through the fourth and were down 77-68 when Heat superstar LeBron James drove to the rim guarded by Hibbert.

James double-clutched, but Hibbert rose straight up to defend the basket, drawing an offensive foul from James who hit him with an elbow.

James, who immediately ran down the court, and Heat assistant coach David Fizdale both received technical fouls in the wake of the play, which James thought was a blown call by officials.

George Hill made both free throws for Indiana to stretch the lead back to 11, and Miami never got within double-digits from there.

Just as the Heat used a strong third quarter to win game five, the Pacers -- trailing by one at halftime -- came out firing in the third.

Even though they trailed at halftime, Indiana coach Frank Vogel said he thought his team had the better of the Heat.



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